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In re the application of: Craig C. Mello *et al.*

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the Office Action (Paper No. 22) dated September 5, 2003. A separate petition for the appropriate extension of time in which to respond is being filed concurrently herewith. Responsive to the Action, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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